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# AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-34. (Cancelled)

- 35. (New) Apparatus, comprising a covering arrangement suitable for covering a water tank which can be mounted onto an external portion of a building, said covering arrangement being made in the shape of an architectural component, wherein said apparatus further comprises an angular positioning device so configured as to keep said tank in a substantially vertical position.
  - 36. (New) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said water container is a component of a solar panel system.
  - 37. (New) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said angular positioning device comprises a seat arranged for housing said tank therein, and an anchoring element for anchoring to said external portion.
  - 38. (New) Apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said seat and said anchoring element are obtained in opposite portions of a positioning shell element.

- 39. (New) Apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said seat is obtained in a first positioning shell element.
- 40. (New) Apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said anchoring element is obtained in a second positioning shell element hinged on said first positioning shell element.
- 41. (New) Apparatus according to claim 40, wherein said seat is shaped in such a way that a longitudinal axis of said tank can be arranged vertically by rotating said first positioning shell element in relation to said second positioning shell element.
- 42. (New) Apparatus, comprising a covering arrangement suitable for covering a component of an air-conditioning system which can be mounted onto an external portion of a building, said covering arrangement being made in the shape of an architectural component.

- 43. (New) Apparatus according to claim 42, further comprising an angular positioning device such as to keep said component in a substantially vertical position.
- 44. (New) Apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said angular positioning device comprises a seat arranged for housing said component therein, and an anchoring element for anchoring to said external portion of said building.
- 45. (New) Apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said seat and said anchoring element are obtained in opposite portions of a positioning shell element.
- 46. (New) Apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said seat is obtained in first positioning shell element.
- 47. (New) Apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said anchoring element is obtained in a second positioning shell element hinged on said first positioning shell element.
- 48. (New) Apparatus according to claims 47, wherein said seat is shaped in such a way that a longitudinal axis of said tank can be arranged vertically by rotating

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said first positioning shell element in relation to said second positioning shell element.

- 49. (New) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said external portion comprises a roof.
- 50. (New) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said architectural component has a shape selected from a group comprising: chimney cap, skylight, attic skylight, veranda, balcony, column, arch.
- 51. (New) Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said covering arrangement comprises a wall arrangement.
- 52. (New) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement furthermore comprises a window.
- 53. (New) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement furthermore comprises a grille.

- 54. (New) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement is made of building bricks.
- 55. (New) Apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said wall arrangement is made of panel elements.
- 56. (New) Apparatus according to claim 55, wherein said panel elements are made of a material that resists atmospheric agents.
- 57. (New) Apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said material that resists atmospheric agents is selected from a group comprising: glass fibre, A.B.S., polycarbonate, polystyrene, sheet metal.
- 58. (New) Method, comprising: reproducing a selected part of a building to get an image therefrom on a layer element; applying said layer element onto a supporting surface element surrounding a functional non-architectural element.
- 59. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said supporting surface element is part of a covering arrangement enclosing said functional non-architectural element.

- 60. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said supporting surface element is comprised in an external surface of said functional non-architectural element.
- 61. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said image is obtained by using a photographic device.
- 62. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said image is transferred onto a supporting film, so as to form a covering layer.
- 63. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said applying comprises winding said layer element around a covering arrangement housing said functional non-architectural element.
- 64. (New) Method according to claim 63, wherein said applying comprises mutually engaging opposite curved edges of said layer element.
- 65. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said covering arrangement takes part of an apparatus according to claim 50.

- 66. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said functional non-architectural element comprises a water tank.
- 67. (New) Method according to claim 66, wherein said water tank is comprised in a solar panel system.
- 68. (New) Method according to claim 58, wherein said functional non-architectural element comprises a component of an air-conditioning system.